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Paul Returns Unused Budget Funds to Treasury *Saves Taxpayers more than \$50,000*

Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul once again will return a portion of his office's operating budget to the federal treasury. House administrative records show that Paul's office maintained an unspent balance of \$52, 440 at the end of 2000, marking the fourth straight year Paul has spent less than his allotted office budget. "I'm pleased we were able to save some taxpayer funds," Paul stated. "My office strives to spend only the amount needed to provide effective constituent services. Every part of the federal government, including Congressional offices, needs to exercise fiscal restraint." Paul stated that he would continue to seek new ways to cut costs in 2001. "I've told my staff that we need to find innovative ways to provide excellent constituent services while keeping costs low."